

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend claims 1 and 2 as follows. The status of all of the claims in the case are also set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A skin beautifier for oral administration ~~containing a~~ comprising sphingomyelin as an effective ingredient.

2. (Currently Amended) The skin beautifier for oral administration according to claim 1, wherein the sphingomyelin is derived from cow milk.

3. (Original) A skin-beautifying food or feed comprising [[a]] sphingomyelin.

4. (Original) The skin-beautifying food or feed according to claim 3, wherein the sphingomyelin is derived from cow milk.

Kindly add new claims 5-7 as follows:

5. (New) A method of decreasing transepidermal water loss comprising orally administering a skin beautifier containing sphingomyelin as an effective ingredient.

6. (New) The method of decreasing transepidermal water loss according to claim 5, wherein the sphingomyelin is derived from cow milk.

7. (New) The method of decreasing transepidermal water loss according to claim 5, wherein the sphingomyelin is orally administered in food.